

want to see coordination. The question is, what exactly are we supporting? Are we endorsing a certain proposal? Are we supporting a process? What is it that this Legislature is taking a position on and I'd ask Senator Bernard-Stevens to try and clarify that please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Absolutely. There was a letter put out by the Governor that went to all the state senators, Senator Wesely, so you would have received one during the summer, and also to agency heads, and basically in the "now be it resolved" section we've taken that portion of the Governor's letter and put that in the resolution so the Legislature is saying that we agree that this would be a good thing and it simply says that the Legislature supports Governor Nelson's directives regarding coordination of the various statewide planning initiatives. All initiatives will be submitted to both the Governor's Children and Family Policy Advisor and to the Youth Services Planning Commission and it does not say that the Youth Services Planning Commission will then decide whether or not any of these things will be done or have any authority. It is simply saying that we want to bring these things into one funneling area so that there is an idea of where all of these different commissions are going, and if there are areas that may be of conflict, that from that source we may be able to work and decide and try to solve the conflicts before we have 15 different policies going in different directions.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, so what you're suggesting is that just that plans be, or initiatives, or different proposals be funneled into two different entities and then...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: What we're...yeah, basically, Senator, if I can...maybe I wasn't very clear and I apologize for that. Basically we're saying that instead of each commission as it is now coming up with their final plan and then going their way in which every way that may go, we're also saying, hey, by the way, let's also submit that, give a copy of that proposal to these two entities so that they may be able to take some time and look at all the initiatives to see if, to make sure that there is a consistency, that there may be some areas that might be of duplication, or maybe there's some areas that we're going in opposite directions, and we then may be able to bring people